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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 5.7% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 23, 1990 -- Airline passenger traffic increased 5.7 percent in September, compared with the same month last year, and was up 6.1 percent for the first nine months of 1990, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic increased 2.4 percent in September. Available seat miles were up 5.0 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 57.1 percent, down from 58.5 percent for September, 1989. Passenger enplanements increased 1.0 percent to 30.7 million.

In international service, traffic in September rose 14.5 percent. Available seat miles increased 11.7 percent. The load factor was 69.3 percent, compared with 67.6 percent for September 1989. 3.6 million passengers were enplaned in September, up 12.9 percent from the same period last year.

For the first nine months of 1990, domestic traffic increased 2.7 percent, and available seat miles were up 6.1 percent. The load factor decreased slightly to 61.2 percent. Passenger enplanements increased 2.0 percent, with 302.4 million passengers.

International traffic for the first nine months of 1990 was up 16.6 percent. The available seat miles increased 10.9 percent, and the load factor averaged 71.0 percent. The number of passengers increased 13.3 percent to 31.7 million.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1990 - 1989

	SEPTEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	30,428	30,729	1.0	296,400	302,397	2.0
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	24,574,972	25,166,515	2.4	240,962,724	247,453,131	2.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	41,995,124	44,079,153	5.0	381,180,331	404,509,874	6.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	58.5	57.1		63.2	61.2	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,166	3,574	12.9	27,991	31,724	13.3
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	9,169,788	10,499,436	14.5	77,275,246	90,086,139	16.6
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	13,568,900	15,153,147	11.7	114,425,129	126,879,318	10.9
LOAD FACTOR (%)	67.6	69.3		67.5	71.0	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,594	34,303	2.1	324,391	334,121	3.0
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	33,744,760	35,665,951	5.7	318,237,970	337,539,270	6.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	55,564,024	59,232,300	6.6	495,605,460	531,389,192	7.2
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.7	60.2		64.2	63.5	

NOTE: HAWAIIAN SEPTEMBER NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATED

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

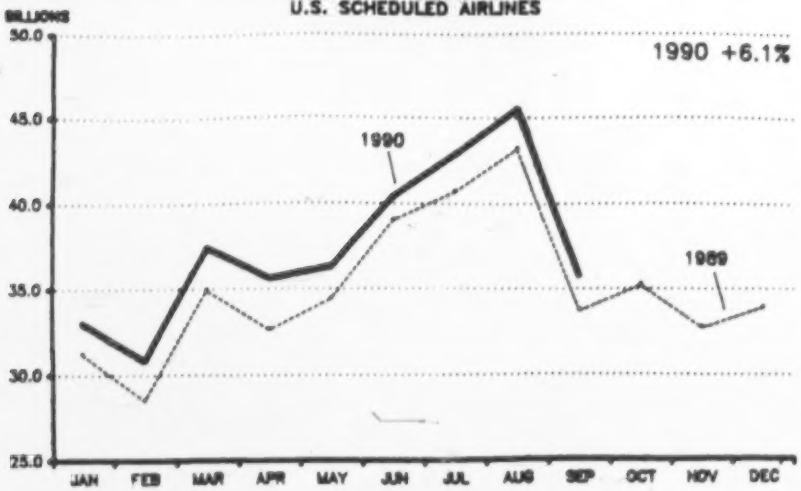
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989				
January	31,233,373	55,626,606	56.1	32,241
February	28,460,057	50,060,766	56.9	30,574
March	34,949,316	53,714,303	65.1	37,184
April	32,591,371	52,385,110	62.2	34,415
May	34,393,235	54,843,173	62.7	35,826
June	38,980,588	55,697,273	70.0	39,025
July	40,730,432	58,343,920	69.8	39,552
August	43,154,838	59,370,285	72.7	41,980
September	33,744,760	55,564,024	60.7	33,594
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	420,097,868	662,963,863	63.4	430,716
Jan - Sep 1989	318,237,970	495,605,460	64.2	324,391
1990				
January	33,004,049	57,501,152	57.4	33,019
February	30,761,358	52,024,042	59.1	32,155
March	37,416,889	58,727,893	63.7	38,800
April	35,613,709	57,509,004	61.9	36,713
May	36,287,185	59,569,992	60.9	36,606
June	40,372,882	59,944,196	67.4	39,153
July	42,945,381	63,123,188	68.0	40,395
August	45,471,866	63,757,425	71.3	42,977
September	35,665,951	59,232,300	60.2	34,303
TOTAL 1990	337,539,270	531,389,192	63.5	334,121

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990/1989			
September	5.7	6.6	2.1
Jan - September	6.1	7.2	3.0

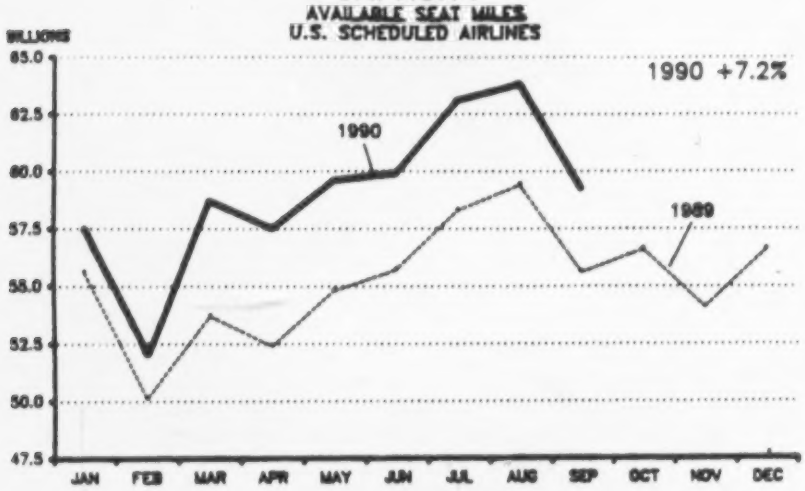
PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES